

W. C. T. U. Column.

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W. C. T. U. WATCHWORDS: ORGANIZE! EDUCATE! AGITATE!

The New Year

'Twas the hour of midnight; a matchless, beautiful night of the New Year.

Above, a sky brilliant with stars innumerable, whose light seemed to quiver into shadowy sprays. A silvery crescent shed its radiance far down upon the sleeping earth, seeming to rest there in angel benediction.

With the silvery sheen, like a great mantle flung around all, earth seemed bathed in very loveliness; tranquillity reigned supreme. Yet the beauty of the night is all unheeded by one of earth's sad, weary ones, who stands alone 'neath the starry canopy, with face upturned to the midnight sky.

Yes, one tired and worn with the struggle of life, for the burdens and responsibilities pressed heavily. Cares and sorrows had fallen in double portion; the mistakes and errors of early life confronted him, and, in utter despair, came the cry from white lips: "O life, one long, bitter disappointment. My ambitions thrust aside, the early promises of youth undeveloped and unfulfilled; must it always be so?" Another new year stretched out before him; must he always bear the burdens and go on and on through weary months and years hampered by congenial environments and dwarfed attainments; tortured with vain regrets for the past, and anxieties for the future? His heart was heavy and restless; and the incompleteness of his life stung his soul with dissatisfaction and bitterness. Then came the earnest pleading: "O, Father in Heaven, beyond the starry firmament, grant me light and guidance in solving the problems of life."

The compassionate Father heard the cry and answered. A flood of peace, hope and blessed restfulness thrilled his inmost soul—so new, so strange—he trembled lest it should leave him. Truly, it would, indeed, be a new year with its beautiful possibilities! he would make it what it ought to be to meet God's approval. Henceforth his life was a complete surrender to the divine Savior, while obedience and sacrifice marked his career.

A few years elapsed, and then came the heavenly call to "come up higher." The earthly life was finished, but there was a joyful welcome to the home in Paradise, and another white soul joined the great throng of the redeemed.—Herald and Presbyterian.

Self-Control and Law.

The Wine and Spirit Gazette advises working men as follows:

Above all, maintain your personal liberty and right of free thought and free will, and remember that self-control is always better than legal prohibition. That the old theory, "The maximum of liberty and the minimum of law" is true to-day as it has ever been.

By all means let the working men and everybody else exercise self-control. Let them control their temper, and not cut or shoot people, but let the law against murder stand. There is no conflict between the duty of self-control and the prohibition of murder.

So let working men and all others control their covetous desires. Let them not steal their neighbor's goods, but at the same time let the law against theft or the prohibition of theft stand. There is no conflict between self-control and the prohibition of theft.

Exhorting men to control themselves and be men, and stand up to the best that is in them, does appeal to high motives, but why contrast this with the prohibition of the saloon, or of any other evil? Self-control will be easier if there is no saloon to tempt. Many people can not, or will not, control their appetites. Others are thoughtlessly forming evil appetites. The open saloon is a constant temptation to the young. Let them learn self-control, but at the same time protect them as far as possible from temptation.

As a matter of fact, the saloon is a temptation not only to gratify an unnatural appetite, but to covetousness and anger. It is a center of evil intrigue, and a hatching place of crime. Many thefts, embezzlements, burglaries, abuse of families, assaults and murders can be traced to saloons. Not only are men inflamed by liquor ready

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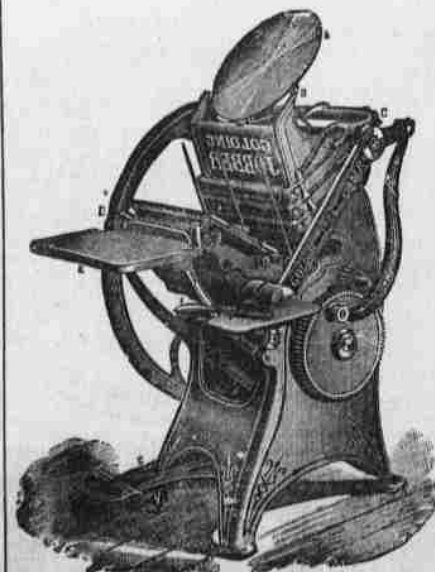
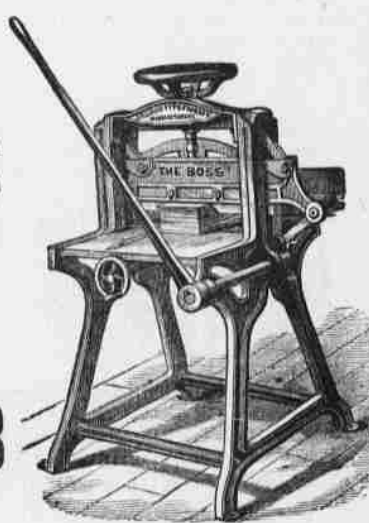
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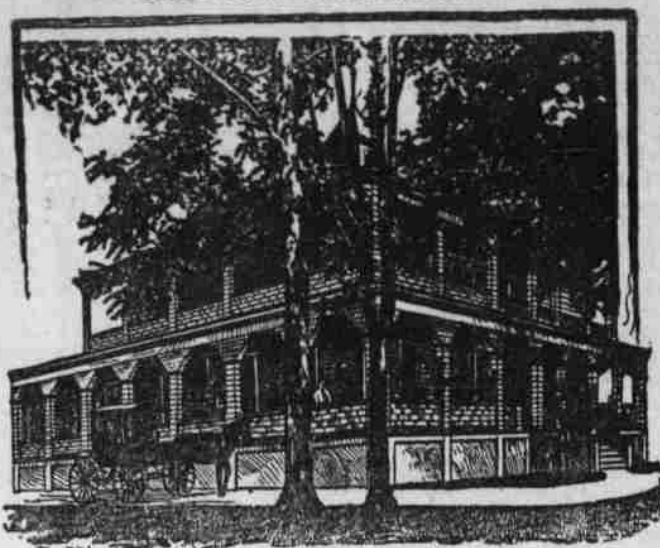
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for all manner of crime, but men who live by crime make the saloons their rallying point. The fight against the saloon is a

fight against intemperance; but it is also a fight for good order, and obedience to law, and public safety. —Herald and Presbyterian.

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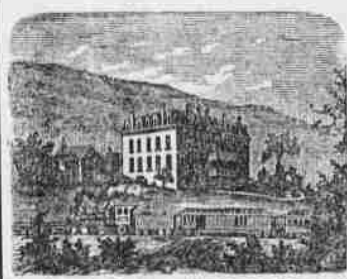
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